

SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA GENERAL ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS, JANUARY 2009 THROUGH MARCH 2011

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Table 1. Total Inpatient Surgeries and Associated Surgical Site Infections(SSIs) for Three Hospital-defined Categories of Surgical Procedures (Cardiac, Gastrointestinal, Orthopedic) , January 2009 - March 2011(Data reported directly to California Department of Public Health or through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).)

Comparison of facility-specific rates in this table cannot be done because the procedures reported in each category vary between hospitals as well as the health of the patients. Both of these differences have large effects on infection risk. This summary has NO adjustment for these differences so differences in the crude infection rates presented are not a measure of difference in quality of care between hospitals.

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